

District II Advisory Board Minutes

March 3, 2008

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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th Street North. CM Schlapp was in attendance, 10 board members attended, 2 staff and approximately 5 citizens were in attendance. Only those individuals who signed in are listed as guests below.

Members Present

Joe Johnson
Max Weddle
Marty Weeks
David Mollhagen
Sam Jones – Youth Member
Sarah Devries
Aaron Mayes
Phil Ryan
Tim Goodpasture
Brian Carduff

Daryl Crotts

Nick Pompeo – Youth Member

Staff Present

Antione Sherfield, Neighborhood Assistant
Dale Miller, Planning Department
Officer Ryan, WPD
Officer Lowe, WPD
Talbert Showalter, Wichita Transit

Members Absent

Larry Frutigier

Guests

Listed below.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. DAB members did introductions. CM Schlapp welcomed everyone and explained how the DAB meeting is conducted. She advised that Chairman Joe Johnson runs the meeting as she likes to get feedback from her board on issues brought before them and feels that this is the best manner to receive that information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

The meeting agenda for March was approved (9-0)

The meeting minutes for February were approved (9-0)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Any individual present that did not request to speak on the public agenda prior to the meeting may speak at this time.

No items submitted:

STAFF REPORT

2. **Community Police Report**

Officer Lowe and Officer Ryan provided report on activity taking place in District II. They stated that there is (3) current crime trends occurring at this particular time. The (3) crime trends are burglary, larceny, and non-residence burglaries. Burglaries are popular at Construction sites mainly in the evening time when crews have completed work for the day. Larcenies are rampant around the City of Wichita also, mainly taking place with unlocked vehicles. They also stated that there has been a decrease in mailbox thefts over the last month. Officers encouraged everyone to lock vehicles, keep garage doors closed, and to be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **ZON2008-00002**

Dale Miller, Planning Department, presented information regarding request to change zoning from “GO” General Office to “NR” Neighborhood Retail. The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan’s designation for “local commercial” uses. Impact of the proposed development on community facilities: **None identified.** Dale explained that the individual requesting change in zoning was present and currently used the space for a Tailor Shop but was interested in converting the business to some sort of Deli Shop. **Councilman Schlapp** inquired about **driveway** access. Dale advised that this should not be an issue due to current parking access which is available to the east of the business.

Recommended Action: DAB approved staffing request (9-0) to change zoning from “GO” General Office to “NR” Neighborhood Retail.

4. **Five Year Transit Development Plan**

Talbert Showalter - Wichita Transit, Ted Rieck - Consultant, Forrest Nagley - Wichita Transit, provided overview of the direction of the Wichita Transit System. He stated that they have hired a consultant from the Kansas City area for the development process. They will also utilize Focus Groups to assist with this process. They will conduct a study on how they can improve the Transit System. **Chairman Joe Johnson** asked if they had looked at not charging citizens and how much that would cost the City of Wichita. Mr. Showalter stated that it would cost the City of Wichita roughly about 1,900,000.00.

Chairman Joe Johnson inquired about the Transit Department applying for more grant money. Mr. Showalter stated that their funding is 80% grant money. **DAB Member Brian Carduff** asked if the Transit Department was capped at 80% grant money. **Mr. Showalter** stated that they would have to increase ridership. The Transit’s Department goal is 2 Million rides per year. Currently the buses are only riding at 40% capacity. **DAB Member David Mollhagen** inquired about partial free rides for citizens. **Mr. Showalter** stated that that may be something to look into during off-peak hours. **DAB**

Member Brian Carduff stated that it would be a huge draw for the Transit Department. **Mr. Showalter** stated that someone would have to pick up the tab and it would be a tough sell to the **Council**. **Council Member Schlapp** stated that this will be for the greening of Wichita. She also stated that she doesn't recall having any conversations concerning grant money or free rides during Council discussions. **Council Member Schlapp** also inquired about Para Transit Services and the complaints she has received from citizens. **Mr. Nagley** stated that Para Transit does a great job with what they have. He stated that they have (18) vehicles operating during peak hours but could use (2) more during that time to keep their denial rate low. They are rated and judged on their denial rate. **DAB Member Marty Weeks** asks how long Transit buses usually last. Mr. Nagley stated that they normally last for roughly 12 years. He also stated that the transmission is the first to go out on the vehicles. **Council Member Schlapp** thanked the individuals for the presentation and stated that she looks forward to future discussions with the Transit Department.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

BOARD AGENDA

5. Updates, Issues, and Reports

Opportunity is provided for the Council Member and the District Advisory Board Members to report any activities, events, or concerns in the neighborhoods and/or Council District.

- **Discussion regarding creating timeline in reference to strategies for District II Community /Business Survey.**

Council Member Schlapp requested that everyone look at the Community/Business Survey results and think of solutions to some of the issues that were identified in the Survey.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

6. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next DAB II meeting will be Monday April 7, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,
Antione Sherfield, Neighborhood Assistant

Guest

Farzaneh Nasiri
Ted Rieck
Forrest Nagley